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**To :** Anita M. King – Examiner @ USPTO**Date:** 07/12/04**From:** Robert J. Lemire**Subject:** Preliminary Response to Application # 10/731,207; Office Action Dated 06/16/04

Ms. King –

The invention being claimed is a “SYSTEM” for “POSITIONING & LOCKING” an object – Claim #1 (to be revised with adding the word “POSITIONING”), and a “SYSTEM” for “POSITIONING, LEVELING & LOCKING” an object – Claim #3 (to be revised with adding the word “LEVELING”).

Claims 2, 4, & 8 will then refer back to Claim #1, and claims 5, 6, & 7 will refer back to claim #3. The designs described in claims 2, 4, & 8 are embodiments of the “SYSTEM” described in claim 1. Likewise, the designs described in claims 5, 6, & 7 are embodiments of the “SYSTEM” described in Claim 3.

The object is to obtain a patent on the spring locking capability of the picture hanger designs I already hold a patent on. There are benefits to having the spring locking that are not covered by my existing patent.

I will call you on Tuesday or Wednesday to see if this will be acceptable.

Thanks – Robert J. Lemire

